

EXHIBIT 6
DATE 4.2.07
SB 242

March 30, 2007

~~Senate~~ ^{House} Taxation Committee
State Capitol, Room 405
Helena, MT 59620


RE: **Oppose Senate Bill 242**Honorable Chair and Members of ~~Senate~~ ^{House} Taxation Committee:

Stillwater Mining Company would like to go on record as opposed to Senate Bill 242 for the following reasons.

- As an employer of 1,700 people with an annual payroll in excess of \$110 million, Stillwater Mining Company is striving to sustain its business and workforce in Montana. Senate Bill 242 is counterproductive to this objective.
- Also, as a publicly traded company, Stillwater Mining Company already has extensive federal regulations, rules and reporting requirements that add significantly to the cost of doing business. Senate Bill 242 proposes more reporting requirements and associated cost.
- The Montana Supreme Court recently addressed and confirmed the confidentiality of tax information issue. Senate Bill 242 attempts to achieve, in part, issues already addressed by the Courts.
- Senate Bill 76 sponsored by Sen. Gillan, which has passed the legislature, addresses confidentiality of federal return information and restrictions on disclosure. Senate Bill 242 appears unnecessary given legislation already passed during the 2007 session.

Stillwater Mining Company **opposes** Senate Bill 242 for the reasons listed above and for the good of a business / workforce striving to be sustainable in Montana.

Sincerely,


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